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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chuck Snodgrass, House Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee staff, Jim Fellenbaum and
Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee
staff, re 7 June 1978 Presidential Finding

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1. ☐ I accompanied ☐ C/CAS/DDO, and ☐
☐ CAS/DDO, to a briefing of Chuck Snodgrass, and a briefing
of Jim Fellenbaum and Guy McConnell on the 7 June 1978 Presidential
finding.

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2. ☐ We showed Chuck Snodgrass the finding, which he read.
We explained to him that the finding covered the current programs under-
way and also some minor additions not previously reported as covert
action. We explained the stay-behind apparatus, the terrorism pro-
vision with respect to routine matters vs. separate initiatives, and the
infrastructure with respect to routine vs. major initiatives. Chuck
Snodgrass said he thought the Committee would have no problems
with the activities covered by the finding and that the Committee
would probably not want the DCI to brief it on the finding.

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3. ☐ With Jim Fellenbaum and Guy McConnell, it was explained
that the new finding was merely an update to give current authority to all
covert action activity now underway with some new minor activities being
added, which were also explained. The stay-behind program was covered,
as were the portions dealing with terrorism and the infrastructure. The
difference between domestic and international terrorism was mentioned
as was the difference between routine activities which could be taken
under the finding vs. major new initiatives. The perspective system
was explained briefly. Also, the paramilitary portion of the finding

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was explained as merely a contingency capability. It was also mentioned that the [] programs were of a continuing nature and may require reserve releases in the future, however, the Committee would be notified if any new releases were necessary.



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